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Dear Ms. Bryant:

SUBJECT: California Household Travel Survey (CHTS)

This letter document's SANDAG's support for the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans') proposal to the Strategic Growth Council (SGC) for additional funds to develop the CHTS.

SANDAG is the San Diego region's primary public planning, transportation, and research agency, providing the public forum for regional policy decisions about growth, transportation planning, environmental management, housing, open space, energy, public safety, and binational topics, as well as transit planning, funding allocation, project development, and construction.

Caltrans, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), county transportation agencies and other state agencies are collaborating on this effort, and have organized the CHTS Steering Committee to guide data collection efforts for state, regional, and local needs. The Steering Committee has determined that as much as \$12 million will be required to fully fund the CHTS to secure enough sample data for California's cities, counties, regions, and state agencies to adequately analyze Sustainable Community Strategies (SCS) or Alternative Planning Strategies (APS). As a result, we support Caltrans' request to the SGC for an additional \$2 million grant to conduct the 2010/2011 CHTS.

Robust CHTS data would support analysis of weekday and weekend travel by all modes and activities, including characteristics of the people traveling, their household, and their vehicles. The 2010/2011 CHTS will provide information on personal travel for city, county, regional, and statewide analyses of travel patterns at the household level for modeling and planning for the next ten years. CHTS information will also be used to address a variety of transportation related questions and support building the next generation of travel demand modeling systems such as activity-based models.

Sincerely,


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